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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A
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Room 2006 - "R" Building

SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiries

1. Attached is the letter from Congressman Herter which Mr. Pforzheimer discussed with you on the telephone. As you can see, it is a perfectly routine personnel inquiry. All such Congressional mail is automatically forwarded to this office in accordance with the Director's instructions. We are under instructions to take necessary action and make an appropriate reply to the inquiry and no other office or individual in the Agency is authorized to correspond directly with Congress on official business. This may sound bureaucratic, but it is the only means by which we have been able to eliminate many unfortunate misunderstandings and embarrassing situations which arose in the past. It is part of our responsibility to see that Personnel gives priority and fullest attention to Congressional cases. We propose, therefore, to answer this letter with a statement on the status of [REDACTED] application.

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2. We have no wish to interfere with your communications with Mr. Herter, but we would appreciate it if, in regard to the personnel inquiry, you would merely say that it had been referred to the appropriate office for follow-up and reply. In all cases, of course, where the Congressional mail is addressed to the individual in the Agency, the letter will immediately be brought to his or her attention.

3. If you have any further comments or inquiry, please give me a call. If it is of any comfort to you, the Director's mail is also handled exactly in accordance with the above procedure.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel
Legal Staff

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fr Cong. Herter, dtd
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